Title: Need to ensure early completion of Tamluk-Digha rail project of South-East Railways - Laid.

DR. NITISH SENGUPTA (CONTAI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Tamluk-Digha rail project, after a spectacular progress in the year 2000-2001, has come to a stop during the financial year 2001-2002. This has created a sense of desperation among the local people. The main reasons being that a number of suppliers of the contractors have not been paid their dues and the dispute between three contractors and the South-East Railways has not been settled. I would, therefore, like the Railway Minister to intervene in the matter so that the same pace of progress is restored in the above project.

I would further like the Minister of Railways to ensure that trains are run up to Contai by June and Digha by December this year, as promised by the Minister.